PROGRAM

XI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NOVEL PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

Chaired by Prs.
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3 & 4 NOVEMBER 2025

NICE
CENTRE UNIVERSITAIRE MÉDITERRANÉEN

Gala

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

Obligatory registration
Limited to 100 participants

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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 - 19:00
- 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

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

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Morning

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07:30 - 08:30
Reception of participants, presentation of badges, registration by QR Code and coffee reception

OPENING SESSION

08:30 - 09:00	French institutional representatives	*Official representatives* **R. Chemla** **C. Ange Ginésy** **A. Cophignon** **R. Alexandre**	**O. Corazza** **O. Rabin** **A. Benyamina** **F. Cherikh**

SESSION 1

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

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**

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10:35 - 11:05	***Break and networking / Visit to the posters and exhibitors***	

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. Burkaukas**
11:55 - 12:10	Emerging drug trends in Japan: possible benefits of exercise, budo, and mindfulness as prevention strategies	**H. Fujiwara**
12:10 - 12:25	Investigating the risks and protective factors for IPED use in Latin America: the Panama project	**T. Zandonai**
12:25 - 12:40	The 'Benadryl Challenge'. A new social media trend.	**S. Venturini**
12:40 - 12:50	Performance	
12:50 - 14:00	***Invitation for a lunch break***	

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Afternoon

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SESSION 3

14:00 - 17:00 / Chairs: A. Benyamina, I. De Luca . Online Moderators: A. Carollo, F. Di Carlo

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** **J. Moore** **M. Batten**
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 - 17:00	Panel discussion / Questions and answers Chair: A. Benyamina	**I. Mazzoni** **F. Cherikh** **P. Hofman** **M. Prilutskaya** **C. Lacroix** **A. Metastasio**
17:00 - 17:30	***Coffee break and networking / Visit to the posters and exhibitors***	

SESSION 4

17:30 - 19:00 / Chairs: V. Abbate, O. Johnson . Online Moderators: R. Cavallaro, Y. Kassymov

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	Addiction and respiratory pathologies (local session)	**P. Hofman**
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 - 11:30 / Chair: M. Prilutskaya, E. Prevete . Online Moderators: G. Penazzi, I. De Luca

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** **Z. Hassan**
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. Busse**
09:20 - 09:50	Panel discussion: International society of emerging drugs and the new early career network Chair: O. Corazza	**S. Venturini** **O. Rabin** **N. Govarthnapany**
09:50 - 10:20	***Break and networking / Visit to the posters and exhibitors***	
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** **A. Benyamina** **M. Prilutskaya** **V. Abbate** **S. Achab** **C. Dalla** **O. Corazza**
11:20 - 11:30	Closing remarks	

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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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