



Drug Policy Modelling Program Research Symposium

Tuesday, 13th October, 2009

**The Sebel, Surry Hills, NSW
28 Albion Street
Surry Hills, NSW 2010**

Program

- 10.00am Welcome and DPMP overview
Alison Ritter, Drug Policy Modelling Program Director
- 10.15am Opening address
The Australian Heroin Drought – Learnings from price and purity data
Peter Reuter (DPMP Technical advisor)
- 10.40am Session #1 - Better Government Responses**
- 10.40am Ecstasy Use in Australia: Trends and Implications for Policy Makers
Presenter: Caitlin Hughes (DPMP, NDARC team)
- 11.00am Modelling the allocation of hepatitis C treatment among injecting drug users and its relationship to methadone maintenance treatment
Presenter: Alison Ritter (DPMP, NDARC team)
- 11.20am Optimal regulatory mix: Methamphetamine precursors
Presenter: Janet Ransley (DPMP, Griffith team)
- 11.40am Discussant: Lorraine Mazerolle
- 12.00pm Introduction to a newly published DPMP resource:
"Research integration using dialogue methods"
Gabriele Bammer and David McDonald (DPMP, ANU team)
- 12.15pm Lunch
- 1.00pm Session #2 - Perspectives on drug markets**
- 1.00pm An interactive and web-based simulator of drug markets
Presenter: Pascal Perez (DPMP, HEMA team)
- 1.20pm Exploring the dynamics of the demand for drugs: A behavioural economics analysis of the effects of price on drug use in a sample of methamphetamine users
Presenter: Jenny Chalmers (DPMP, NDARC team)

- 1.40pm Do the numbers add up?: Media reporting of cannabis seizure values
Presenter: Francis Matthew-Simmons (DPMP, NDARC team)
- 2.00pm Discussant: Paul Dietze
- 2.20pm Afternoon tea
- 2.40pm Session #3 - Violence, drugs and crime**
- 2.40pm The lived experience of violence of injecting drug users in Melbourne - Pilot results from MIX
Presenter: Paul Dietze (DPMP, Burnet team)
- 3.00pm Drug offences in an entertainment district: First results of an interrupted time series analysis
Presenter: Lorraine Mazerolle (DPMP, Griffith team)
- 3.20pm The costs associated with cannabis law enforcement
Presenter: Marian Shanahan (DPMP, NDARC team)
- 3.40pm Discussant: Gabriele Bammer
- 4.00pm Panel and discussion: Current policy priorities and challenges**
- 4.50pm Summary and close**
Alison Ritter, DPMP Director
- 5.00pm Close