



The International Society for the Study of Drug Policy

## ISSDP 2017 Call for papers, panels and workshops

The 11th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP) will be held in Aarhus, Denmark on 17-19 May, 2017. The conference is hosted by Center for Alcohol and Drug Research, Aarhus BSS, Aarhus University. Full conference details can be found at [www.issdp2017.au.dk](http://www.issdp2017.au.dk)

### Submission process: papers, panels, workshops

Submissions open: 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

Submissions close: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

All submissions are peer reviewed, and decisions will be provided by the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2017.

We invite you to submit an abstract for:

- A Paper presentation (15 mins);
- A Panel session (3-4 speakers on the same topic, 1.5 hours);
- A Workshop (an interactive skills development opportunity, 1.5 hours)

To submit an abstract for a paper, panel or workshop, please click the appropriate link below:

[SUBMIT PAPER](#)

[SUBMIT PANEL](#)

[SUBMIT WORKSHOP](#)

(See below for full details of each).

The ISSDP Conference is a unique occasion to present your latest findings to an intellectually engaged, diverse and dedicated scholarly community, and to immerse yourself in the state of the art research across the full spectrum of drug policy research, with the participation of leading international scholars. Researchers and/or practitioners interested in contributing scholarly papers that advance future thinking regarding the development, assessment, or evolution of drug policy nationally or internationally are encouraged to submit abstracts.

We invite abstracts on all aspects of drug policy but particularly on the conference themes. The conference themes this year include:

- Balancing control and welfare in drug policies
- Local and city-level drug policies (e.g. in relation to national/international policies)
- Diversity in drug policy: accommodating ethnicity, class, gender and culture
- Contextualising drug policy in its geographic, historical, political, economic and cultural settings
- Cannabis policies, including legalization
- Drug supply and supply side interventions

Other areas of drug policy research will be welcome, for example research on:

- The role of different kinds of stakeholders and their position in drug policy
- Drug markets and organized crime
- Methodological and theoretical developments in drug policy analysis
- Online markets for illicit drugs
- Policy options for currently illicit drugs (including NPS, performance enhancing drugs, illegal use of prescription drugs)

We accept original research, not previously published. This conference requires that all presenters submit a written paper (2,500-4,000 words) prior to the conference (which will be due on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017) and will be made available to all delegates (password protected).

All submissions (papers, panels and workshops) are peer reviewed by the Scientific Committee and its members' scores are used to then select the successful submissions. Those selected to present are required to register for the conference. Delegates may present only one paper.

This year, ISSDP invites three types of submissions: Papers, Panels and Workshops, as detailed below.

### ***Papers***

Papers provide an opportunity to present original research findings related to any of the conference themes or other drug policy topics. The presentations slots are 15 minutes, and a written version of your paper (up to 4,000 words and formatted for journal submission) will be provided to delegates before the conference. The expectation is that delegates will have read the paper and hence the oral presentation focusses on key findings and then opportunity for discussion. All paper sessions will include a discussant.

In your submission for a paper, please use structured abstract headings (e.g. introduction, methods, results, discussion) for your 200-400 word abstract. If accepted, your abstract will appear as you have submitted it, in the book of abstracts.

[Click here to submit a paper](#)

### ***Panels***

We have set aside a number of panel sessions. These sessions focus on a selected topic, and provide 3-4 papers around a central theme, with a chairperson nominated by you, who will coordinate and oversee the panel, including the discussion components of the panel session. Panels are 1.5 hours in length.

In your submission for a panel, please provide the title of the panel session, and a brief description of the aims of the panel sessions. Please also list your presenters and their topics. Depending on the nature of your proposed panel, you should submit a 200-400 word abstract for each paper as part of your panel submission (with presenters subsequently submitting full written papers by 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017)

[Click here to submit a panel](#)

### ***Workshops***

We are also inviting submissions for workshops. These are highly interactive, drug policy research skills-focussed sessions, open to all registered delegates, with numbers capped at the workshop convenor request. Workshops will be interactive and skills-based, and are 1.5 hours in length. They do not involve didactic presentations.

In your submission for a workshop, please provide a description of the aims of the workshop, along with an outline of the interactive, skills sharing training that will occur in the workshop.

[Click here to submit a workshop](#)

### **International Journal of Drug Policy (IJDP) Special Themed edition**

ISSDP is working in partnership with the IJDP, the official journal partner to the 11th annual conference. Selected papers presented at the ISSDP conference will be considered for publication as part of guest-edited themed sections in the IJDP. If you would like to have your written paper considered for IJDP, please select the appropriate box on the submission form.

### **Half day workshops**

We also invite proposals for a half day workshop at Aarhus University on 16th May 2017. This should be an interactive event that is devoted to a specific topic or method in drug policy research. It would be open to conference participants, with a small additional registration fee to cover any costs (e.g. refreshments). The proposal should state the topic, aims, methods and proposed facilitators and speakers in the workshop. It should not be submitted through the abstract submission system. Instead, it should be sent by email to Vibeke Asmussen Frank ([vaf.crf@psy.au.dk](mailto:vaf.crf@psy.au.dk)).

We are planning to hold a half day workshop for early career researchers on 'Publishing your research in drug policy journals' at Aarhus University on the afternoon of 16th May. This will be primarily aimed at early career researchers who wish to get advice and develop ideas for publication in peer-reviewed journals. The workshop will be led by experienced editors of drug policy journals, including the *International Journal of Drug Policy* and *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*. It will also feature presentation of the third edition of *Publishing Addiction Science: A Guide for the Perplexed*; a project of the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors which is being sponsored by the ISSDP. More information will be sent to ISSDP members and abstract submitters in January 2017 or contact Torsten Kolind [tk.crf@psy.au.dk](mailto:tk.crf@psy.au.dk).

### **Scholarships**

We strongly encourage PhD students and scholars from Asia and developing countries to participate in the conference. A competitive scholarships program is available for these participants.

There are:

- three ISSDP doctoral scholarships @ 700 euro
- three ISSDP developing country scholarships @ 700 euro
- and up to 12 OSF Asian scholarships @ 2,000 USD

The conference committee will be responsible for choosing the scholars.

Further details and the specific criteria for each of these scholarships can be found at:

[bss.au.dk/ISSDPScholarship](http://bss.au.dk/ISSDPScholarship)

If you meet the criteria and wish to be considered for a scholarship, please tick the appropriate box on the submission form.

### **Early Career Researcher (ECR)**

The ISSDP strongly encourages early career researchers (defined as current PhD student or less than 5 years post PhD) to attend and participate in the conference. There is an annual award for the best early career research presentation at the conference. Past winners can be found at: <http://www.issdp.org/annual-awards/>. If you are an ECR, and would like your presentation to be considered for the award, please select the appropriate box on the submission form.

### **Registration**

Early Bird Conference Registration is now open, and will close on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2017. After this date, Regular Registration will be open until the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2017, or until registrations are sold out (whichever comes first).

**Other Conference and Venue Information**

Information on how to get to the venue in Aarhus, nearby hotels and things to do in Aarhus is [available on the webpage](#).

**More questions?**

Please feel free to contact us at [issdp2017@crf.au.dk](mailto:issdp2017@crf.au.dk) if you have any questions.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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Conference Convenors